[2nd March 1928

UNSTARRED QUESTION

Railways

Construction of the railway line from Salem to Attur.

1685 *Q.*—Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPAH Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the proposal of constructing the railway line from Salem to Attur is still pending and when this subject will be disposed of; and

(*b*) when this urgent work will be taken up for execution?

A.—The Railway Board has sanctioned the construction of the line and it is in the programme for 1928-29.

II

ACT ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

The hon. the PRESIDENT announced that the Madras Marriages Validation Bill which was passed by the Council received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the 25th February 1928.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

III

MOTION OF NO-CONFIDENCE IN THE HON. THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT.

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg leave of the House with your leave to allow me to move a vote of no-confidence against the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government, Dr. P. Subbarayan."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have already given my consent."

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" I ask the leave of the House."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member Mr. Ratnasabapathi Mudaliyar mentioned to me that he wanted to move an amendment."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABAPATHI MUDALIYAR :—" I have dropped the idea."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Is there any question whether the motion is in order or not?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" I have nothing to say."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I hold that the motion is in order.

" Under rule 12-A, sub-clause (2), hon. Members who are in favour of granting leave are requested to rise in their places."

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The following 36 hon. Members stood up :—

1. Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai.
2. Mr. Ramanath Goenka.
3. ,, R. Nagan Gowda.
4. ,, C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar.
5. ,, K. Chavadi Subrahmanya Pillai.
6. ,, K. R. Venkatarama Ayyar.
7. The Zamindar of Gollapalli.
8. Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti.
9. ,, S. Satyamurti.
10. ,, C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar.
11. ,, T. Adinarayana Chettiyar.
12. ,, P. Anjaneyulu.
13. ,, C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar.
14. ,, G. Harisarvottama Rao.
15. ,, C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar.
16. ,, Abdul Hamid Khan.
17. ,, K. V. R. Swami.
18. Dr. B. S. Mallayya.
19. Mr. D. Narayana Raju.
20. ,, K. Uppi Sahib.
21. ,, C. Marudavanam Pillai.
22. ,, M. Narayana Rao.
23. ,, C. Ramasomayajulu.
24. ,, P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu.
25. ,, R. Srinivasa Ayyangar.
26. ,, K. S. Sivasubrahmanya Ayyar.
27. ,, K. R. Karant.
28. ,, C. V. Venkatarangam Nayudu.
29. ,, B. Venkataratnam.
30. ,, J. A. Saldanha.
31. ,, B. Ramachandra Reddi.
32. The Raja of Panagal.
33. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro.
34. Diwan Bahadur P. C. Ethirajulu Nayudu.
35. Rao Sahib S. Ellappa Chettiyar.
36. Mr. K. Sarabha Reddi.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Only 36 hon. Members having stood up, leave is not granted by the House."

IV

THE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET FOR 1928-29.

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The House will now resume the general discussion on the budget. If none of the non-official Members are prepared to continue the debate, I shall call upon the Government Members to reply."

* Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN :—" Mr. President, Sir, I am not a religious mendicant, who goes from door to door, praises those that gave alms and swears those that did not, at the same time forgets those that had done him good, a day previous. I am a tiller of the soil, spade is my power by which I feed my countrymen, King downwards. The Labour Department has done as much as could be done for the elevation of the depressed classes, by the direction of that great genius Sir George Paddison. It is only a short time since the present Commissioner took charge of the Labour department. He may have his own scheme and in course of time prove as good as his predecessor.

" The Government have been in their own way taking steps to remove untouchability. The removal is not in the hands of the oppressed. It is in the oppressors—the Swarajists and the Congressmen. If they are earnest, I ask those great men such as Jayakar, Malavya and others to introduce a Bill in the Assembly and pass it into law that untouchability shall be a public offence punishable with rigorous imprisonment without option of fine. I challenge the Swarajists to do this.

" Education to the depressed classes has become as ' everybody's business is nobody's business '. The Government, the municipalities, district and taluk boards, unions, panchayats, and aided agencies have all taken up the matter. There should be an organisation or agency to look into the educational progress made by the depressed classes." 11-15 a.m.

* Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" Mr. President, Sir, in connexion with this year's budget I just want to say a few words. As one who was here at the time of the introduction of only two budgets I wish to say that I feel obliged to the hon. the Finance Member for the very lucid way in which he has